Beverly Dec. 6.

Sunday.

Dear Mrs. Chapman

My mother intended to write to you earlier than this, and send you the enclosed ten dollars, for her subscription to the Liberty Bell, but has been prevented by a severe illness, from which she has been suffering for the last fortnight, and which still confines her to her bed. She sends her love to you and wishes me to tell you how much she regrets being unable to assist at the Fair this year. It is quite impossible that she should be there at all, and I fear, even

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doubtful whether we shall be
in Boston before the first of January
as the Physician gives us little en-
couragement that she can be soon
moved - although we believe the worst
has passed and she is slowly improving.
If she should continue better, so
that I could leave her for a short
time, I will be in Boston and at
the Fair during the first two or three
days to give all the assistance in my
power. But as we are quite alone
here and I am her only nurse I
could not be absent from home more
than a few days and those only
in case she became stronger and
better.

My mother also wishes me to say to you that the Sheffield Cutlery which was sent by Mr. Benzon and others last year is at Miss Chapman's — The list of Articles with their wholesale prices duties &c. is, she thinks, with them so you will have no difficulty about marking them — Miss Chapman took the smaller bread-plate and knife and my father, a small pocket pen-knife, for which they were to pay at the opening of the Fair, and I have here the larger bread plate and knife which you will find described in the list & which I will send or bring to the Fair the day of its opening.

Mother is very desirous that
in advertising the articles, you should
mention that the Box of Sheffield
ware & cutlery ~~arrived~~ were sent last year
& arrived too late for the last Fair
because in the present position of
Mr. Benzon's House, it might be
an injury to him to have it supposed
that he gave valuable presents even
to the Anti Slavery Cause. We feel
both for ourselves and the Fair under
so many obligations to Mr. Benzon
that we are very anxious not to injure
him inadvertantly.

We very much regret our absence
from Boston also on account of
the friends whom we invited to stay
with us during the Fair. Martin

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Griffith promised to pass that fortnight with us and it will be a great disappointment to us all to be unable to receive her – I trust you will however be able to find some other place where she can stay, as I believe she intends to be in Boston – and as soon as we can possibly be in town we shall be most glad to have her come to us –

Give my best love to Deborah – I hope to see you and her next week, for I cannot bear to think of being absent from my usual post of work –

With love also to Miss Chapman believe me yours with truest regard

Anna Loring.

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